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NOTES ON COLE-SCASBROOK-WILLS.¹

From a privately printed publication (1870) containing the genealogy of the Coles of Enniskillen, (compiled in 1630 by Sir William Segar) County Firmanagh, Ireland, it is shown that Sir William Cole, Captain of the Castle of Enniskillen, was lineally descended from the Coles of Devon and Cornwall. This pedigree states that Emmanuel Cole, father of Sir William Cole, living in 1630, was brother of William Cole, of London, who was son and heir of Thomas Cole of London. This William Cole married Ann (died 1598) eldest daughter of Michael Colles, of Bradwell, County Bucks, and had issue with other children William Cole, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Deards of London, and they had issue Arthur, William, Michael, *Humphrey*, Nathaniel, Thomas and Robert.

From Withington's "Virginia Gleanings in England," in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, XIX, p. 189, Humphrie Cole, of Tillingham, Essex, clerk, made his will which was proved May 17, 1624, and mentions sons Robert, student of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, William, Thomas and John, and wife Hester. "Item I give unto William Cole now in Virginia, if he be living, my three acres of freehold in Tillingham and two acres of copperhold land called Finches, and doth belong unto his brother Cole. If William Cole is not living, then to a second son Thomas Cole, &c." Foster's *Alumni Oxoniensis* gives Robert Cole created B. D., November, 1642, perhaps Rector of Great Oakley, Essex, 1628, and of Little Oakley 1629. All this seems to show that William Cole of Nutmeg Quarter in Warwick County, Virginia, born 1599, and burgess in 1629, was a son of Rev. Humphrey Cole, of Tillingham, County Essex, clerk; and, as has been stated, it is probable that he was father of William Cole, who was member of the Virginia Council. On the other hand, it is probable that Rev. Hum-

¹ See QUARTERLY, Vol. V, p. 177-181, and Vol. XXI, p. 292-293.

phrey Cole, of Tillingham, Essex, was identical with Humphrey Cole, son of William Cole, of London, and Elizabeth Deards his wife.

James Cole, of Fluvanna County, married Fanny Chisman Wills, daughter of Elias Wills. His daughter, Ann Wills, married Robert Greenhow, of Williamsburg. Elias Wills, died, in 1805, a very old man. Robert Greenhow's daughter, Polly, married the historian, Hugh L. Girardin, according to a letter of Robert Greenhow to Dr. John Wills. Elias Wills was doubtless a grandson of Elias Wills, of Warwick County, and Mary Condon, his wife.

The York County records show that Lt. Col. John Scasbrook had wife Mary Martian, living at the time of the will of her father (1657) Captain Nicholas Martian. He afterwards married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bushrod, who was the widow of Thomas Bushrod, of "Essex Lodge," York County, Va., though her children appear to have been by another marriage. Bushrod also had a previous wife, Mary, widow of Captain Thomas Hill. This Mary was dead in 1661. Mrs. Elizabeth Bushrod was also mother of a heroine of Bacon's Rebellion, Lydia Chisman (born 1648, died March 16, 1694-1695), widow of Major Edmund Chisman, and wife after his death of Thomas Harwood, who died in 1700. By his first marriage with Mary Martian, Lt. Col. John Scasbrook had, at the time of his death, in 1679, (1) Jane, who was married to John Duke, and, soon after the making of the will, to Captain Thomas Mountford; (2) Elizabeth, who was married to David Condon. He had also by his wife Elizabeth four children all under age at the making of his will; (3) Martha, who married Major William Cary, of Warwick, before 1683; (4) Hannah, who about 1692 married Captain Miles Wills, of Warwick, son of Emmanuel Wills and Elizabeth Cary his wife, of Bristol, England; (5) Mary; (6) John, born March 27, 1676, who appears to have been Captain of a Merchant vessel. He married Elizabeth ———. He was probably father of Col. Henry Scasbrook, of Warwick County (born 1700, died April, 1773—*Virginia Gazette*). Martha, wife of Col.

Henry Scasbrook, died in 1776, aged fifty-eight years.

In 1701, Elias Wills, of Mulberry Island Parish, Warwick County, was mentioned in a deed, recorded in York County, as husband of Mary, "daughter and heire" of her deceased mother, Elizabeth Condon, who was "eldest daughter of John Scasbrook." Captain Miles Wills and Hannah Scasbrook, his wife, were parents, it is believed, of John Wills, of Isle of Wight County, father of Gen. John Scasbrook Wills of the American Revolution, who died in 1794.